TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 1851 - SB 1910

February 10, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a municipality from charging a person with violating an ordinance or imposing any citation or fine for discharging a firearm in the limits of the municipality if the person discharging the firearm was acting in justifiable self-defense, defense of property, defense of another, or to prevent a criminal offense from occurring.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFCANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1314(b)(2), a municipality is expressly authorized to regulate by ordinance, resolution, policy, rule, or other enactment the discharge of firearms within the boundaries of the municipality.
- Prohibiting a municipality from charging a person with violating an ordinance in those instances specified by this legislation, which would have been charged in the absence of this legislation, could lead to the issuance of fewer citations reduced fine revenue.
- There will not be a sufficient decrease in citation issuances for state or local government to experience any significant decrease in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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